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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter;
- 2) Response and Amendment;
- 3) Exhibit A; and
- 4) Exhibit B.

The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge any required fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112 in connection with this matter.

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This is in response to the Official Action dated May 8, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire August 8, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the period for reply set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18 and 22 as indicated in Appendices A and B submitted herewith. Appendix A is a marked-up copy of the amended claims and Appendix B is a clean copy of the amended